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TAGS: PEPR, UNGA, UR, AF, PK, IR  
SUBJECT: SOVIET MEDIA ON AUGUST 24 AFGHAN STATEMENT  
REF: MOSCOW 11989

1. PRAVDA TODAY CARRIES A TASS INTERVIEW WITH AFGHAN  
PRIME MINISTER KESHTMAND IN WHICH HE CALLS ON  
PAKISTAN AND IRAN TO REPLY TO THE DRA'S "FLEXIBLE"  
PROPOSAL FOR PEACE TALKS. KESHTMAND CLAIMS THAT  
AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE AFGHAN STATEMENT, NO  
ONE -- "ESPECIALLY PAKISTAN" -- HAS A PRETEXT  
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ANY LONGER FOR REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS.

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ALTHOUGH THE SOLE SOVIET COMMENTARY ON THE PROPOSAL TO DATE (REFTEL) POINTED TO TWO "NEW ELEMENTS" CONTAINED IN IT -- THE DRA'S NON-OPPOSITION TO TRIPARTITE TALKS AND TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UN SYG OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE -- KESHTMAND ONLY CITES THE LATTER AS A "NEW ELEMENT."

2. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. MATLOCK

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